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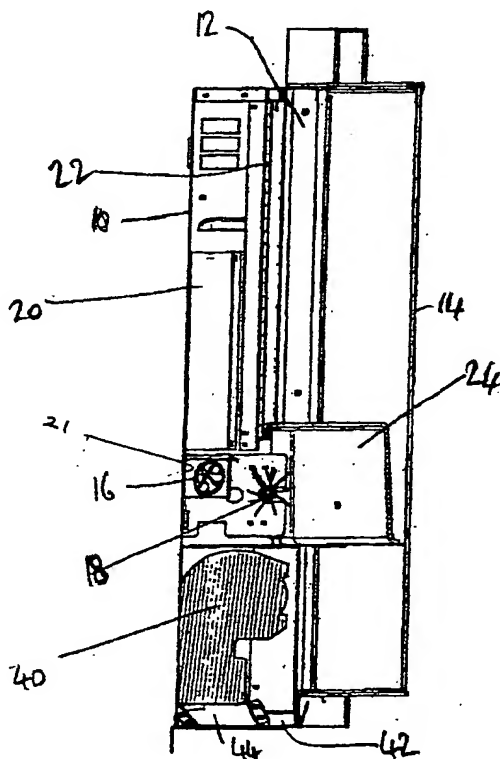
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(54) Title: APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A VISUAL EFFECT



(57) **Abstract:** Apparatus for simulating flames and such apparatus used in a wall-mounted flame effect electric fire are described. The apparatus arranges a light source below a reflecting means and a means for modifying light from the light source in front of the light source and below a partially diffusing and partially transmitting viewing screen. The light source comprises at least one halogen bulb or other lamp of comparable power, brightness size and intensity. The fire incorporating the flame simulating apparatus arranges a fan heater to draw air in through, and to expel heated air through, the base of the fire. The arrangement reduces the depth of the fire to facilitate wall mounting.

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